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Farcical Conditions at San Quentin.

CONDITIONS at San Quentin Prison under the Tompkins regime are farcical to say the least. The idea that convicts are permitted to buy steaks, coffee, sugar, butter, pies and other articles of food, and to look in their cells is almost incredible in an institution where discipline is so necessary. Warden Tompkins is undoubtedly the biggest failure that political preferment ever perpetrated on the taxpayers of this State. He has blustered and growled and looked fierce, but his demeanor did not hold the inmates of the prison in subjection, nor win him respect from the guards and other employees at the prison. He was unpopular from the first. His unpopularity was the result of untidiness and it is only through the pampering of convicts, the startling revelation of which has just been made, that he has been enabled to maintain any semblance of authority. Prison Director Felton once declared that towels for convicts were luxuries, but what must he think of juicy steaks, pies and butter. The guards at San Quentin have complained bitterly of the food given to them. Warden Tompkins preferred to pacify prisoners, to feed up degenerates, to strengthen the physical and brute in his convicts, making them more bestial than ever, rather than to treat his free men right. So things have come to a pretty pass at the big penal institution. Folsom in Wilkinson's time was never so corrupt as San Quentin is today. Tompkins should be removed or there will be such a break as was never known in the history of any penitentiary.

American Activity.

WHITHER are we tending, we active, excitement-loving Americans? Strenuous is no longer the word for our actions. Roosevelt and Taft are typical Americans and their lives are fraught with more business and incident than ever our forefathers dreamed of. The country is at peace with the other powers, but we are not at rest on our laurels. We are still working, building, striving higher. There is little danger that the machinery of our administration will ever become rusty or impaired, for it gets too much action. There is just a little possibility, however, that the nation's unit, the American citizen, will wear himself out with his rushing. There must be enough repose to counterbalance the activity.

It is almost beyond the power of conception to understand how Secretary Taft endures the strenuous life he leads. He speeds across the continent to this coast, steams across the Pacific to the Orient, hurries back to Washington, then to Panama, then to the States. He is endowed with an energy almost superhuman. Americans are a people of endurance and wonderful capacity, but we must look to it that we do not obtain such momentum that we will become reckless.

TROLLEY cars in these days are very much discussed. In Frisco an overhead line is looked on with disgust; And here in old Sonoma, We've trolleys on the brain, And are thinking lots about them Since it's begun to rain; But whether they are overhead, Or like New York's subway, Does not trouble us a lot, We'll take them any way. But somehow there's a danger That our electric cars May be a way up system. We'll bet you the cigars That if the scheme goes up in smoke It will be in the air; But whether up or down you know Is neither here nor there. We want the trolleys, that is all, But now for real facts, Within the head, not overheard; Promoters lay our tracks.

A PROMINENT actress has a body guard to protect her from too ardent admirers. Girls, you see what it is to be too popular.

Forestry Day at the Napa New Century Club was arranged by Mrs. E. H. King, a former resident of this valley. "The Lilies and Shrubs of the California Forest," was the subject of the paper read by Mrs. King.

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A FELLOW named Beaver is short in his accounts. The name is enough to suggest a skin game and a "worker."

A MAN named Crawford has been indicted for the second time for crooked postoffice work. Crawford must be a bad peach.

GEORGE COLLINS will probably have a merry Christmas and by New Year his goose will probably be cooked.

A POULTRY show in San Francisco has been running opposition to the women's clubs this week.

Present Rate System Favors Pacific Coast.

William Sproule recently addressed the Commonwealth Club of California at San Francisco upon the subject of "Government Regulation of Freight Rates." The address has been printed in pamphlet form. Certain paragraphs therein are quoted as follows:

"The questions before the traffic officers of the country are not questions of rates excessive in themselves, but in my experience the individual shipper in discussing his own interest in a given rate almost uniformly concedes that his troubles are not from the rate in itself but from the relation of the rate on one commodity as compared with another, or to one community competing with others, or on his commodity competing with other shipping points. The trouble is one of relative rates."

"A notable example was the Business Men's League case brought by the jobbers of the Middle West—notably Chicago and St. Louis—against the transcontinental railroad lines to force a more favorable adjustment of west-bound rates to interior Pacific Coast territory in competition with the Pacific Coast merchants. The Middle West and the Pacific Coast compete with each other for traffic lying between them, notably the territory west of Ogden, Albuquerque and El Paso. This case was heard at great length. Although the railroads were sued, it was really a Merchant's case, and the merchants of the Pacific Coast intervened to prevent the merchants of the Middle West from gaining their point."

"The Middle West desired an adjustment of hardware articles upon the part of the lines west of Ogden, Albuquerque and El Paso to conform to the adjustment made by the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, and the O. B. & N. lines to North Pacific Coast Points because the latter adjustment gave the Middle West jobbers access to the competitive territory on a more favorable basis than heretofore enjoyed. The result was a decision of the Commission which said in effect that the adjustment of the Northern lines was not illegal; that the adjustment of the more southern lines referred to likewise was not illegal, but that the differential between carloads and less than carloads on many commodities should be reduced. Here were two schemes of rate-making on less than carload business at variance with each other on the same articles of traffic yet the Commission ruled in effect that both were correct. The decision of the Commission was accepted only after the jobbers of the Middle West sat down in conference with Pacific Coast jobbers and they, with the Pacific Coast Railroads concerned, thrashed out their differences and reached a compromise. This illustrates the fact that rates are not made simply by the Traffic Managers of the railroads, but that they are made with an eye to all conditions and in the effort to meet those conditions, pursuant to conference, negotiation and compromise. The litigation involved practically all the rates in the trans-continental tariffs and if the Commissioners' ruling had been adverse to the Pacific Coast jobbers, at least a thousand specific commodity would have been involved

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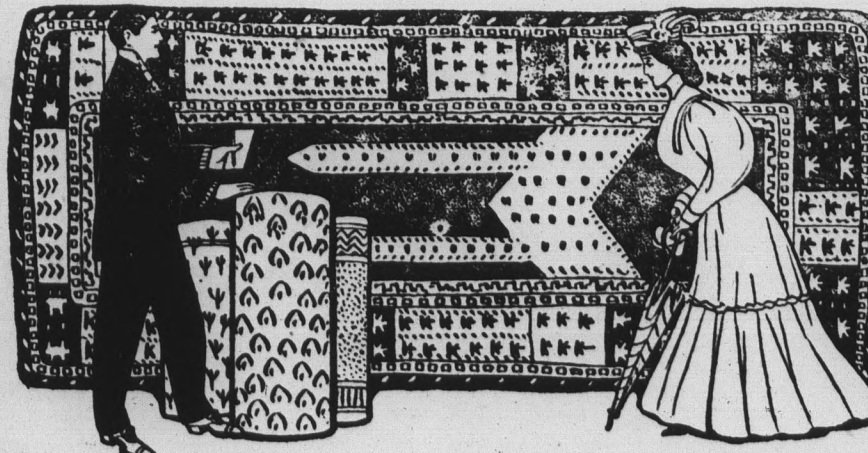
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Beach Sands.

A party of chaffeurs were walking along Cape May beach. One of them picked up a handful of sand and said: "Why is it that one beach is fine enough for motor cars, while another is so soft a child can hardly walk on it?" "The sand in your hand answers that question," the second chaffeur replied. "See how fine it is." The sand was, indeed, as fine as dust, as fine as talcum powder. "The finer a sand is the more closely it will pack and, by consequence, the firmer surface it will offer," went on the second chaffeur. "This fine sand here makes a roadbed many feet in depth—a roadbed you couldn't pack more closely if you rolled it a hundred years with a hundred ton roller. Study the sand at Long Branch or Asbury Park. It is prettier than this. It is made of separate grains that you can readily distinguish. Each is a perfect cube, white or black or red—a beautiful clear colored shape that it is a pleasure to look at. Each is about fifty times bigger than the Cape May grains; hence the sand of Asbury Park or Long Branch won't pack down, won't make a firm roadbed. There is only one place in the country where the sand is finer than at Cape May, and that place is Ormond."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Modesty of Hokusai.

Young artists, not gaining distinction early, have had various instances to quote as showing that mastery performance often came late in life. In Dora Amesen's book on Japanese art it is set forth that this is what the celebrated Japanese artist Hokusai wrote about himself: "From the age of six I had a mania for drawing the forms of things. By the time I was fifty I had published an infinity of designs, but all I have produced before the age of seventy is not worth taking into account. At seventy-five I learned a little about the real structure of nature—of animals, plants and trees, birds, fishes and insects. In consequence, when I am eighty I shall have made still more progress. At ninety I shall penetrate the mystery of things. At a hundred I shall certainly have reached a masterly stage, and when I am 110 everything I do—be it a line or dot—will be alive. I beg those who live as long as I do to see if I do not keep my word." Hokusai died in 1849 at the age of eighty-nine.

Why Rossini Wept.

When Meyerbeer died his son composed a funeral march which "remembered his dead father." Full of emotion, the young man took it to Rossini. "Play it, maestro," he pleaded; "play it. I wrote it in expression of my grief and mourning for my dead father." Rossini took it up, placed it on his piano and played it. Tears rolled down his cheeks. Utter sadness dwelt upon his countenance. "You weep," cried young Meyerbeer, beside himself with joy at the effect upon the great master. "Yes, I weep," rejoined Rossini amid tears.

"And why?"

"Because," replied Rossini, "I am wishing that you were dead and it was your father who had written the funeral march."

Nilsson and Patti.

When Christine Nilsson, the great singer, was asked her opinion of various singers, she gave it very candidly of every one, including herself and Mme. Albert, but she never once alluded to Mme. Patti.

"You have not mentioned Mme. Patti," remarked the pertinacious interviewer. "No," said Mme. Nilsson. "I have not. You are asking about singers. I place her among the angels. A Patti only comes to a planet once during that planet's existence." Such an absence of stage jealousy has probably never been equaled.

Date Mark a Bagdad Malady.

Bagdad date mark is the name given to a mysterious disease that attacks nearly every one who stays in Bagdad for any length of time and is found also at Aleppo and other places in Turkish Asia. It is a sore that comes only once, but lasts a year, leaving a scar the shape of a date. Nearly all the natives are marked with it. No remedy has been found for it, but hyposulphite of soda seems to have some effect on the mark.

The Beauty of the Lilies.

"Ex—Miss Hardy—do you not think that these valley lilies are very beautiful?"

"Not so beautiful as orange blossoms, Mr. Jones."

And, thus assisted and encouraged, he presently drifted out upon the wide, wide sea of wedded bliss.

Intimation.

"So the insolent fellow refused to pay his rent?"

"He did not say so in words, but he intimated it."

"How so?"

"He kicked me downstairs."—Paris Journal.

The Merit of Good Work.

The great thing is to produce nothing of which, if it comes into broad light, you will be ashamed, and then whether it does come into broad light or no need not much trouble you.—Matthew Arnold.

A Desperate Case.

Walk O. Nights—Doctor, what is a simple remedy for sleeplessness? Doctor—Let the person count till he falls asleep. Walk O. Nights—He can't count. It's the baby.

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Paganini's Cat.

The characteristic good nature of Paganini, the celebrated Italian violinist, is well illustrated by the following anecdote: One day while in Vienna he liked a cat to take him from the hall where he had added one more to his long list of triumphs to his lodgings. When Paganini awoke the next morning he found the catman waiting for an interview. He, in fact, burst into Paganini's private apartment. "What do you want?" "Excellency, I come to solicit a favor of you—a very great favor. I am father of four children and have the honor to be your fellow countryman. You are wealthy, your fame is unquenchable, and if you please you can make my fortune."

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The Practical Joker.

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Blue and Gray Tobacco Smoke.

Did you ever notice while enjoying your favorite cigar that the smoke that curls up from the burning end of the "weed" is blue, while that exhaled from the mouth is of a whitish gray? The explanation of this oddity is not far to seek. The wreath from the fiery end of the cigar is in the shape of infinitesimal dust particles, and all such particles (even the blue of the atmosphere is explained in the same way) reflect the blue color. In the case of the exhaled smoke the fine particles have united with the moisture of the breath and have thereby become several folds larger than those exhaled direct from the burning tobacco. This being the case, they have become large enough to reflect the white light, which gives the exhaled smoke an entirely different color.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwall, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of a wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician, but before he could arrive another coughing spell came on and Duckwall died from suffocation."—St. Louis Globe Democrat, Dec. 1st, 1901.

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